



Climate Smart Kingston
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Meeting Notes
Monday March 3, 2014
City Hall Conference Room 1
3:00-4:30pm

Present: Jennifer Schwartz Berky, Michael D'Arcy, Emilie Hauser, Gay Leonhardt, Julie Noble (coordinator), Gregg Swanzey, and on phone: Pat Courtney-Strong, Kevin McEvoy and Melissa Everett

Climate Smart Kingston Formalization

Julie reviewed with the group the meeting that she had held with the Mayor in January to discuss the formalization of Climate Smart Kingston: he had been supportive, suggested a Draft Resolution be crafted, while also naming Julie as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator for the city. Subsequently, the Kingston CAC has drafted a resolution, with appended documentation outlining the roles of Climate Smart Kingston as well as the Climate Smart Community Coordinator position. This resolution is currently under review by the Mayor and once that is complete, Julie will submit the resolution and cover letter to Common Council President Jim Noble for legislative review and process. This must be done by the first of the month to get processed that same month. Jennifer commented that the language in the resolution needs to similarly reflect the language in the Climate Action Plan, namely, to mention mitigation in lieu of "planning for" climate change, in the first *Now, Therefore be it resolved*. Emilie called for clarification that this resolution should reflect the formalization of the Climate Smart Kingston work group, not the full initiative, which has already been established. There was a discussion on what to call the group: committee, council, commission, coalition, team, task force, etc. Of those present, the vote was 3-3 for committee-commission. Julie will speak with additional Climate Smart Kingston participants for additional input and will then modify the resolution to reflect these concerns. Julie will also send out the amended resolution to the full Climate Smart Kingston group for comments.

Climate Smart Kingston 2014 Goals, using SMART language

Prior to the meeting, Julie drafted some SMART language for each of the goals/strategies that were discussed at the prior CSK meeting. The final product of that draft combined with review and comments at this meeting are attached as an addendum to these notes.

The group, after finishing the SMART language for each goal, then had a discussion about ranking/prioritizing each goal in relation to 1) one another, 2) CSK energy investment, 3) timeliness/relevance. It was ultimately decided that CSK would engage in each goal for 2014, though the extent of that engagement will vary greatly for each goal. The final 2014 Goals that were established are in the table below (with proposed investment level and lead). Final investment levels and Climate Smart Kingston Leads were post-meeting Coordinator notes, up for discussion.

Next steps for each goal were not determined at the meeting. Julie will send out a Doodle poll for the next meeting date.

Goal/Strategy	Climate Smart Kingston Investment	CSK Lead
1. Energy Ambassador Program	1. High _ CSK as Lead	1. RUPCO
2. Renewables Strategy	2. Medium_ CSK with partners as Lead	2. SHV
3. Low Hanging Fruit Upgrade	3. Low/Medium_ CSK as Lead or advisory role with partners/city	3. City
4. Broadway Corridor Upgrades	4. Low _CSK as advisory to city	4. Econ Dev
5. Sewage Treatment Plant study	5. Low _CSK as advisory to city	5. Econ Dev
6. Comprehensive Plan Language	6. Medium_ CSK as Lead, advisory to Comp Plan committee	6. _____
7. Climate Action Tracking System	7. Medium_ CSK as Lead, with city support	7. Coordinator
8. Outreach/Marketing Strategy	8. Medium_ CSK as Lead	8. CCEUC/SHV